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Dear Higher Education Stakeholder:

In preparation for the upcoming reauthorization of the *Higher Education Act*, the committee will begin exploring proposals to improve postsecondary education in America. To assist us in this process, we are seeking input from students, parents, the higher education community, employers, and other stakeholders on suggested policy changes and amendments to strengthen the law.

As we work to reauthorize the *Higher Education Act*, the committee will explore a wide range of issues affecting students, families, and postsecondary institutions. We are particularly interested in examining ways to:

- Empower students as consumers in higher education,
- Simplify and improve the student aid and loan programs,
- Increase college accessibility, affordability, and completion,
- Encourage institutions to reduce costs,
- Promote innovation to improve access to and delivery of higher education, and
- Balance the need for accountability with the burden of federal requirements.

The committee is eager for your feedback on these and other important issues. Your ideas and suggestions will be vital to a successful reauthorization of the *Higher Education Act*. To share your thoughts, please email HEA.Reauth@mail.house.gov by August 2, 2013. To facilitate this process, we ask that you be as specific as possible. We urge you to provide background, cite the concerning statutory language or regulation, detail the change you suggest (with proposed legislative language, if possible), and include the rationale for your suggested change.

We appreciate your assistance in reauthorizing the *Higher Education Act*, and look forward to working together to improve the law for students, families, and institutions across the country.

Sincerely,

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